

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SIMS JACK M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000<br><br>(Street)<br>HOUSTON TX 77007<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Vice President</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>11/01/2004</u>    |   |
|   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person    |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)         | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |           | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------|---|--|---|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price     |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 11/01/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 4,000   | A          | \$18.3125 | 4,800   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 11/01/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500   | A          | \$18.0625 | 12,300  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 11/01/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 11,500  | D          | \$41.7335 | 800   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |           | 1,597   | I  | Kirby Corp 401 K Plan                                 |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$18.3125  | 11/01/2004                           |  | M                              |   |  | 4,000 | 01/16/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 01/16/2005      | Common Stock  | 4,000                                      | \$18.3125  | 55,000  | D  |       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$18.0625  | 11/01/2004                           |  | M                              |   |  | 7,500 | 02/10/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/10/2005      | Common Stock  | 7,500                                      | \$18.0625  | 47,500  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Option was exercisable 25% after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and 100% after four years from date of grant.
- 2. Option was exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

**Remarks:**

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-In-Fact 11/02/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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